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MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the works undertaken for minor irrigation projects, tube wells during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the number of projects which could not be completed during the Ninth Plan;

(c) whether such projects have been included in the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. Government of India has not assessed the works undertaken for minor irrigation projects/tubewells during the Tenth Plan. Minor Irrigation Projects including tubewells are planned, investigated, implemented and funded by State Governments as per their priorities. However, Government of India has been providing financial assistance to projects through certain schemes. Ministry of Water Resources has been providing Central Loan Assistance to special category states under Accelereated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) for completion of surface water minor irrigation schemes since 1999. During 2005-06, the Government of India has made relaxation for extending the benefits of AIBP for minor irrigation projects to tribal- dominated and drought-prone areas in other states also. Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on "On-Farm Water Management for increasing crop production in Eastern India" for exploiting the abundant ground and surface water resources in 10 Eastern States, namely Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhatisgarh, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram since 2002-03. Another scheme "Million Shallow Tubewell Programme" was approved by Planning Commission in March, 2001 for the State of Bihar and is being implemented since March, 2002.